

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 907  
By Graves

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Rachel Graves, 2004  
Valedictorian of Westmoreland High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Rachel Graves is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2004 graduating class at Westmoreland High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Miss Graves has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in her remarkable high school career, Rachel has earned an exemplary grade point average and received special recognition and awards for academic excellence in Honors Spanish I and II and Honors English I and II; and

WHEREAS, an active participant in extracurricular activities at Westmoreland, Miss Graves has demonstrated an aptitude for leadership; she has served as Beta Club Secretary, Yearbook Editor, Newspaper Assistant Editor, and has taken many other leadership roles; and

WHEREAS, Miss Graves' accomplishments and promise have been evident throughout her high school tenure, and she has received numerous local and national awards, such as the Career Orientation Award, Yearbook Appreciation Award, Third Place in the FBLA State Conference Desktop Publishing Category, and invitations to the National Youth Leadership Fora for Medicine and for Technology; and

WHEREAS, a pivotal member of her school's cheerleading squad, Rachel Graves has received the Cheerleading Spirit, Leadership, and Eagle Awards for her excellence in these areas; and

WHEREAS, Rachel Graves' display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success, which includes plans to attend the University of Tennessee at Knoxville in the fall; and

WHEREAS, Miss Graves' noteworthy achievements are a tremendous source of pride for her parents, Phyllis Graves and Donald Graves, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Miss Graves' dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor 2004 Westmoreland High School Valedictorian, Rachel Graves, on her impressive academic achievement and extend to her our best wishes for a successful and happy future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.